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THANK YOU,
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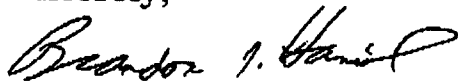
Dear Judge Kottely,

I have followed the proceedings against Microsoft for some time now, and I want you to know that I feel the Justice Department has done an outstanding job of forcing a settlement in this case.

I think that the terms you have agreed to in principle are sound, and will bring about a just result without doing damage to our already faltering economy. Because of the settlement, Microsoft cannot force a third party contractor to sell Microsoft products. This demonstrates that the necessary steps were taken to reach a fair and balanced agreement. All groups enmeshed in the settlement negotiations should be commended.

I encourage you to move to a final settlement so the Justice Department can shift its resources to the many other areas of business and industry that need to be examined for abuse and predatory practices.

Sincerely,



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